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G. R., G. D., No. 2408, dated 22-6-22.]

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S. V. Habbu,
B. A., LL. B.

MINISTER.

D H A R W A R.
April 25, 1948.

To
The Honourable Minister for P. W. D.,
Government of Bombay,
B O M B A Y.

Sir,

I met you thrice during the last year when I was acting as a Minister in Kurundwad Senior State. It was in connection with the 'Rakaskop Reservoir Project'. I beg to crave your attention to Government Letter P. W. I. No. 3186/36-M dated 13th April 1947 once again, in the back ground that the Soil Tests that were necessary have been taken by the Principal of the College of Engineering, Poona. I have had the information that the results of the Tests have been favourable and can therefore now say that there exists no more Technical impediment to give permission to Mr. Narendra Singh Sinhi-as was hinted by the then Chief Engineer in our meeting of the 5th June 1947.

2. You know we people in [illegible] particularly Belgaum Taluka- are very anxious about this Scheme.

Since I have had something to do in my former capacity as a Minister in Kurundwad Senior State with this Scheme, I humbly beg that the Scheme should be allowed to come into being at an early date.

Hoping to be favoured,

Yours obediently,

P.W.D.

Habib 19.B.30/9.

P.B.

The main file on the Rakatkop Reservoir Project has accordingly been referred to the R.L.A. for his opinion on the present legal position of the scheme. The latest position in regard to the scheme has been fully explained in paras 7 to 12 of O.N. 5 of the 19/4/48 on Mr. Potdar's letter in connection therewith. If approved a reply similar to that given to Mr. Potdar may also be given to Mr. Habib.

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9/5 appd following draft-letter
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P W D
No 86/36-M. B.C. 19 1st May 1948.

To,
Y. Habbu, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
HARWAR.

Subject: Rakaskop Reservoir Project
~~Belgaum Water Supply Scheme~~.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter
dated 25th April 1948, on the
subject cited above, addressed to
Honourable Minister, P.W.D., I am
directed to state that the thr
aspects of the scheme initiated by
Narendra Singh Singhi of Calcutta hav
been thoroughly examined by Gt.
In view of the recent report sub.
by the Principal, college of Engineer
Poona, on the shear and cohesion
tests of the soil at the site of
proposed Dam at Rakaskop, here
now no technical difficulty
with the scheme. Govt is
examining the legal implicat
regard to the scheme arisi
of the recent merger of the
wad State (Sr) with B.P. and it
see that they are examin
very speed.

Yours faithfully,

18-5-48.

ISSUED
on 19/5/48

Record
D.A.-Nil

IMMEDIATE

No. 2901/2-B/3-P.
Office of C.E., I.A.,
Poona, 21st June, 1948.

Secretary to the Government,
Public Works Department,
Bombay.

Sub:- RAKASHOP RESERVOIR PROJECT.

It is reported that the following has been agreed to between Government of Bombay, the KURUNDWAD Senior Durbar and Mr. Narendra Singh Singhi, M.L.A.:-

(a) That Mr. Narendra Singh Singhi should finance and execute the Rakashop Reservoir Project.

(b) That the water requirements of the Belgaum Water Works will be reserved as a first class charge on the reservoir and delivered by Mr. Narendra Singh Singhi to the Government of Bombay at the downstream toe of the dam at the rate of six pies for every one thousand gallons.

(c) That the Government of Bombay will execute all the remaining works required for the Belgaum Water Works and

(d) The Government of Bombay have made a total demand of 360 Million Cusecs for water per year which gives an average daily supply of about 6,250,000 gallons.

Will you please confirm the above information and also advise on following points:-

(a) Does the figure of 6,250,000 gallons per day include the requirements of the Military Station at Belgaum which is anticipated not to exceed 5,00,000 gallons per day. The present consumption of the Military Station is much smaller because of various reasons.

(b) What is the latest position about planning and execution of work required to use the water delivered at the reservoir for supply to Belgaum? It is requested that full details may be supplied so that there is no overlapping of any future plans which this office may have.

(c) Please inform if there is any previous understanding between Government of Bombay and the Army about the water supply to the Military Station at Belgaum.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Lt.-Col. RIE
C. E. I. A., POONA.
(LT.-COL. J. S. BAMA RIE, TEL. No. 332).

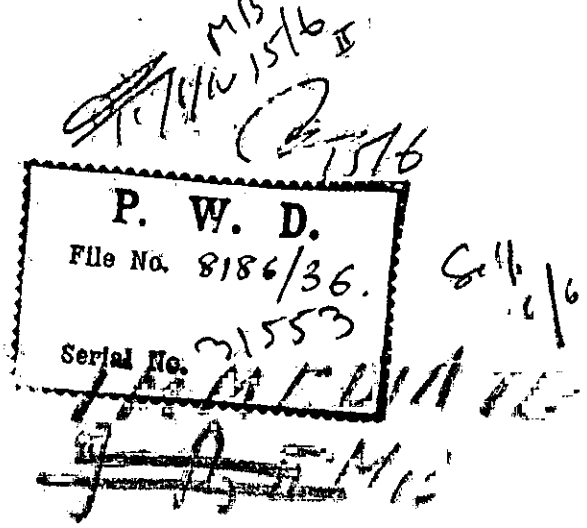
Copy to:-

Chief Engineer, Southern Command,
E-4 (For the personal attention of Lt.-Col. T. Mathai R.I.E.)

E-2 Planning (For the personal attention of Lt.-Col. D.P. O'Brien R.E.)

G.E., Poona.

JSR/APM.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The main file in connection with the Rakaskop Reservoir Project has been sent on the 31st May 1948 to the Special Officer (Deccan States Merger) under the P. & S.D. for opinion and return through the R.L.A. In the absence of that file whatever information is available from other sources on the points referred to by the C.R.I.E., Poona is compiled below

2. Para.1 of the C.R.I.E's letter:- No agreement has yet been executed with Mr.Singhi. A copy of the draft agreement proposed by this Govt. is put up below. It will be seen therefrom that

(a) Mr.Singhi will construct at his own expense the dam at Rakaskop upto 2467 R.L. feet consisting of a storage reservoir having the storage capacity of 3000 million cubic ft. of water (vide cl.3 of Draft Agreement);

(b) The water requirements of the Belgaum City, Contonment, Shahapur etc. shall be a first charge on the supply of water available from the dam (cl.22 of the D.A.); the water shall be released for this Govt. at the downstream toe of the said dam (cl. 12 of the D.A.); the rate for water so supplied will be six pies for every 1000 gallons (cl. 18 of the D.A.);

(c) This Govt. will erect its own headwork and construct and maintain all connections, mains pipes etc. necessary for conveying the water to be supplied by Mr.Singhi (cl. 15 of the D.A.). These works do not include the "Internal Distribution System". The view taken by Govt. in this matter is that the local body concerned should own and maintain its internal distribution system (vide please para.2 of the late Secy. (I)'s, Mr.Hammett's note dated the 14th December 1946 and the G.D. note, dated the

~~the 14th December 1946 and the C.D. note, dated~~ the 1st April 1947.

(d) The quantity of water to be supplied by Mr.Singhi to Govt. is 360 million cubic ft. per year (vide Cl. 13 of the D.A.).

3. Paragraph 2 of C.R.I.E's letter:-

(a) In fixing the target of 360 M.Cft. per year the requirements of the Belgaum Cantonment have been taken into account. In the absence of the main file it is not possible to say at what rate the Cantonment's requirements were calculated. On a query being made by the President, Belgaum Cantonment Board as to whether the combined Belgaum Water Supply and Kurundwad State Irrigation Scheme (Mr.Singhi's scheme) included in the military areas in Belgaum Cantonment, the latter was informed in the affirmative vide G.L., No.486/36-M, dated the 22nd July 1946. The reply to this may therefore be "yes".

(b) As the Scheme is yet in the preliminary stage no details can be supplied at this stage. The C.R.I.E. may therefore be advised to ask the Cantonment Authorities to get in touch with the P.H.E. for any details required by them.

(c) No agreement appears to have been executed with the Cantonment authorities. In the meeting held on the 16th March 1945 under the Chairmanship of the Commr., S.D., a representative of the Belgaum Cantonment Board has conveyed the willingness of the Cantonment authorities to participate in the Belgaum Water Supply Scheme. This is perhaps the only understanding bet. this Govt. and the Cantt. authorities. This Deptt. is not aware of any later understanding with the Army authorities. Perhaps the H.& L.G.D. may be able to throw light on this. The minutes of the meeting will be found at pp.105-107 of file No.486/36 Pt.II. Perhaps a copy of those minutes may be forwarded to the C.R.I.E. with an intimation that no decision has yet been taken on the ~~decisions~~ conclusions reached at the said meeting.

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3 On receipt of the orders on the above, a suitable reply will be given to the C.R.I.E., Poona.

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18/6/48

Reg. "queries 2 (a) at p. 1" and it may be stated that the Belgaum water supply scheme drawn up by the P.H.E. in 1964 45 provided for an ultimate supply of 7½ lakhs gallons to the Cantonment in 1971 This exceeds the req. indicated by C.R.I.E. He may be informed that the scheme as it delivers 5,00,000 gallons per day to the Cantonment.

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The C.I.R.E. Poona, may be informed that no agreement has yet been entered into with M/s Singhi but the terms in the proposed agreement are similar to those stated in para 1 of his letter

It should also be made clear to the C.I.R.E that the requirement of the military Station at Belgaum referred to in his para 2(a) includes both the civil and military population of Belgaum Cantonment and not the military population only

Secy (D) 23-6-48

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A revised draft is put up as directed.

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P.W.D

No. 8186/36-M

B.C 5th July 1948

To

The C.R.I.E., Poona

Sub: Rakaskop Reservoir Project

Sir, With refce to your letter, No: 2909/2/E-2, of the 11/6/48, on the subject mentioned above I am directed to state that no formal agreement have yet been entered into by this Govt with Mr. Narendra Singh Singhi in connection with the above scheme but that the terms of the proposed agreement are similar to those mentioned in para 1 of your above letter.

2 As regards para 2 of your letter, I am to state that observe as under:

(a) The requirements of both the Civil & Military population of the Belgaum Cantonment have been taken into account in working out the Belgaum Water Supply schemes which is ancillary to the Rakaskop Reservoir Project of Mr. Singhi & it is presumed that the requirement of 5,00,000 per day covers the whole Belgaum Cantonment.

(b) As the scheme is yet in a preliminary stage, no useful details can be furnished to you at present. You may however, contact the P.H.E. to Govt for such detailed information as you may desire to have

P.T.O.

* including both the military & Civil population and not the former only.

(c) There does not appear to exist any previous understanding with the Army authorities in Con. with the above Scheme, except the verbal assurance given by a representative of the Belgaum Cantonment Board to participate in the Belgaum Water Supply Scheme at a meeting of the representatives of the Local Bodies held under the Chairmanship of the Comm., S.D. on the 16th March 1945 at Belgaum.

D.A.N.C

Yours faithfully,

Copy with copy of the letter underreply for info. to the P.H.E. to Govt. for info.

K.C.
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No.8186/36-M.

Public Works Department,
Bombay Castle, 5th July 1948.

From

Rao Bahadur K.D.Kotwal,B.E.,
Under Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department.

To

The C.R.I.E.,Poona.

Subject :- Rakaskop Reservoir Project.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No.2909/2/E-2, dated the ~~1st~~ 11th June 1948, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to state that no formal agreement has yet been entered into by this Government with Mr.Narendra Singh Singhi in connection with the above scheme but that the terms of the proposed agreement are similar to those mentioned in paragraph 1 of your above letter.

2. As regards paragraph 2 of your letter I am to observe as under :-

(a) The requirements of both the Civil and Military population of the Belgaum Cantonment have been taken into account in working out the Belgaum Water Supply Scheme which is ancillary to the Rakaskop Reservoir Project of Mr.Singhi. It is presumed that the requirement of 5,00,000 gallons per day covers the whole Belgaum Cantonment including both the military and civil population and not the former only.

(b) As the scheme is yet in a preliminary stage, no useful details can be furnished to you at present. You may, however, contact the Public Health Engineer to Government for such details of information as you may desire to have.

(c) There does not appear to exist any previous understanding with the Army authorities in connection with the above scheme, except the verbal assurance by a representative of the Belgaum Cantonment Board to participate in the Belgaum Water Supply Scheme given at a meeting of the representatives of the Local Bodies, held under the Chairmanship of the Commissioner, Southern Division, on the 16th March 1948 at Belgaum.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary to the Government
of Bombay, Public Works Department.

D.A.-Nil.

Copy with copy of the letter under reply to the Public Health Engineer to Government for information.

Rec'd. to P.H.E
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No: 2909 / 3 / E-2.
Office of the C.R.I.E.,
Poona, 2 July 1948.

To

The Secretary to the Govt.;
Public Works Department, Bombay.

Sir

Sub:- RAKASHOP RESERVOIR PROJECT.

Will you please give your advice in the matter referred to you under this office No: 2909/2/E-2 dated 11.6.48.

Yours faithfully,

Capt: R.I.E.
for Lt-Col. R.I.E.
C.R.I.E. Poona.
(Capt: C.V.CHEVUR, RIE, Tel: Sthn./316).

Copy to:-

CE SC., Poona, - for information.

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In view of our reply at p. 1/n ante, no action is necy. on this

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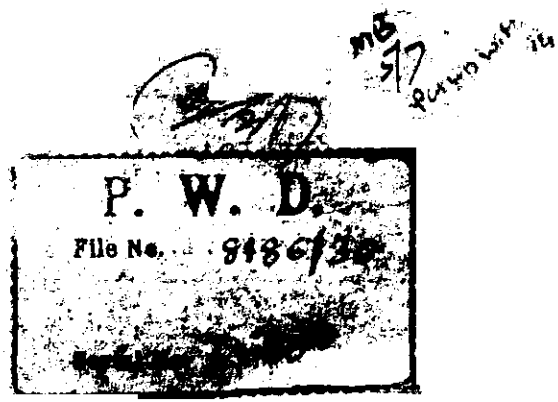

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2. Mr. Narendra Singu Singhi was requested to see the H.M. C.W.D. on Tuesday the 12th inst at 2 p.m. to discuss the case re. Rakaskop Reservoir Project. C.W.D. file No. 8186/36 on the subject was submitted to the H.M. P.W.D. on 8-4-49. Mr. Singhi now p/ states that he is unable to see the H.M. on the 12th inst. as he is going to Dacca on urgent legislature business, and requests that some date in the last week of April may be fixed for the interview. Orders are solicited as to what date and time should be fixed for the interview. On receipt of orders, Mr. Singhi will be informed by wire

11/4/49.

Personally discussed with H.M.

Secy (I) Thursday 28th - 2 P.M.

H.M. P.W.D. has now been fixed & Mr N. Singhi may be informed accordingly

11/4/49

State Telegram Express

From Bomworks, Bombay

To Narendra ~~Singh~~ Singh ~~Esq.~~
1812, Kelkarbag, Belgaum.

Your telegram of 9th inst.
Please see Hon Minister on
Thursday, 28th inst; at 2 P.M.
to discuss Kakaskop Project.

Tel
JSBu.
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P.W.D.,
B.C., 11th April 1949.

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No.NSS/R/527.
Rakaskop R.Project,
1812, Kelkarbag,
Belgaum, April 9, 1949.

D. S. Joglekar. 9.4.49
Resident Engineer,
for Narendra Singh Singhi.

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PREFCE GOVT TELEGRAM OF ELEVENTH APRIL AAA THANKFULLY ACCEPT

INVITATION TO SEE HONBLE MINISTER ON THURSDAY TWENTYEIGHTH APRIL AT TWO PM TO

DISCUSS RAKASKOP PROJECT = NARENDRA SINGH SINGHI =

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Sir Narendra ~~Singh~~ Singh has intimated by wire his acceptance of the invitation to see the H.M. on the 28th inst. to discuss the ~~Katrak~~ Lakaskop Reservoir Project. The main papers on the subject have already been submitted to the H.M. for refce, when Sir Singh sees him. These papers may be submitted in continuation

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WM
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Secy (P)
H.M., P.W.D.

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H.M. has seen 15-5-49.